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REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 29, 2006 (hereinafter "Final Action"), claims 95-96 and 104-105 have been cancelled, and claims 97-99, 101, 107, 120, and 125-126 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. No claims have been newly added. Therefore, claims 97-103, 106-112, 114, and 117-126 are pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, entry of this Amendment and allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 95-96 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the following publication: Lawrence D. Brown & Michael S. Rozeff, Analysts can forecast accurately!, The Journal of Portfolio Management (Spring 1980), pgs. 31-34 (hereinafter "Brown") [Final Action, pg. 2, ¶3]. Applicant disagrees with the propriety of the rejection. However, *solely* in an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 97-99, 101, 107, 120, and 125-126 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication that claims 97-112, 114, and 117-126 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims [Final Action, pg. 3, ¶4].

In particular, dependent claims 97, 98, 99, and 120 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of independent claim 95 and intervening claim 96. Dependent claims 101, 107, and 125 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of independent claim 95. As such, entry of this Amendment and allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

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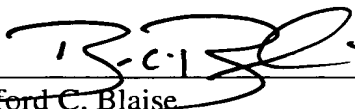
CONCLUSION

This After-Final Amendment has been submitted to amend the claims in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment. Upon entry of this After-Final Amendment, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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